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ARRL AFFILIATED-SPECIAL SERVICE CLUB

June 2013



**Field Day 2013**

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## Monthly Ham Breakfast

### LOCATION

## New Day Café

5901 Delmonico Dr.

**June 1<sup>st</sup> from 8:00-9:30 AM**

**All are warmly invited to come on down and join us!**

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# Zero Beat Newsletter

**Comments, suggestions, and submissions are always greatly appreciated. Help make your club newsletter better.**

**WV7T@ARRL.NET**



## June PPRAA Club Meeting

The June 12th club meeting will be at the IHop on Stetson Hills Blvd (just west of Powers Blvd). 5749 Stetson Hills Blvd.



### PPRAA Club Officers

<b>President</b>	<b>Mike Derbort</b>	<b>KCØELG</b>
<b>Vice President</b>		
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Diana Nordstrom</b>	<b>KCØNPP</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Pam Scott</b>	<b>WØPRS</b>
<b>Board</b>	<b>Tom Brereton</b>	<b>WØTOM</b>
<b>Board</b>	<b>John Wishart</b>	<b>KCØJFH</b>
<b>Board</b>	<b>Doug Neilsen</b>	<b>N7LEM</b>
<b>Board</b>	<b>Jim Bishop</b>	<b>KDØKQL</b>
<b>Board</b>	<b>Virgil Yost</b>	<b>NØXRS</b>
<b>Board</b>	<b>Kerrienne Dixon</b>	<b>KDØIPR</b>
<b>Board</b>	<b>Jim Rader</b>	<b>KDØNQM</b>
<b>Ø-Beat Editor</b>	<b>Mike Anderson</b>	<b>WV7T</b>

All officers can be contacted at:

[boardmembers@ppraa.org](mailto:boardmembers@ppraa.org)

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## Garden of the Gods Amateur Radio Club



### Garden of the Gods ARC meeting

First Monday of each month at Fargos Pizza at 11:30 am. All are welcome.

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## PPRAA FACE BOOK

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/PPRAA-Pikes-Peak-Radio-Amateur-Association/185833894769325?v=wall>

# PPRAA Field Day 2013



## PPRAA Field Day 2013

Club members, local amateur radio operators, friends, guests, and elected government officials are warmly invited to the annual PPRAA Field Day operation.

### When:

Setup: June 21<sup>rd</sup>, 1530

Operations: June 22<sup>th</sup>, Noon until June 23<sup>th</sup> Noon

Tear Down: June 23<sup>th</sup>, Noon

### Where:

3622 Bar 10 Road, Calhan, CO

Talk In: 146.580

### Food Schedule:

Saturday Lunch 1100-1300 Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Brats, chips

Saturday Dinner 1700-1900 Pot Luck

Sunday Breakfast 0700-0900 Eggs/omelets, coffee & juice

### Notes:

1. We will provide coffee during the 24 hours of station operation.
2. There will not be a charge for meals, but donations will be welcome at the site to help cover the cost of food.
3. For the potluck dinner Saturday night, we will provide meat and drinks. You should bring a side dish to share. Please bring a dish based on the first letter of your last name:
  - A thru I – dessert
  - J thru R – salad
  - S thru Z – side dish
4. We are also needing 3 to 4 volunteers for each of the three meals to help with KP (serving, cleaning up).

# Practical Ham Skills and Licensing

Mike Anderson, WV7T

[wv7t@arrrl.net](mailto:wv7t@arrrl.net)

719-229-8610

## License Instruction

License tutoring by request

## Hands-on classes

Hands-on from 3-5 pm on **Saturdays**.

Pre-registration required

Call to register 229-8610.

## Study Materials

Licensing and technical books are available at Centennial Electronics.





## Retiring from PPRAA

This month will be 42 years since I first joined PPRAA as a 16 year old high school student. I have been a member on and off since then, and the past 13 of 15 years I have been an officer, board member, and associated with the board. I feel I am no longer making a difference in the club. Tutoring licenses and hands-on practical opportunities will continue. With my departure in January several areas will need to be covered, Zero Beat Editor, callsign trustee, and Tech Ed. My last Zero Beat will be the January 2014 issue. It has been fun to have been a member.

Mike Anderson, WV7T

**ARRL Incoming QSL Bureaus**

[www.arrl.org/incoming-qsl-service](http://www.arrl.org/incoming-qsl-service)

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## ARRL Affiliated Clubs-Outgoing QSL cards

ARRL affiliated-club stations may use the service when submitting club QSLs for its members in bulk ("pooling" their members cards together in one package) by indicating the club name inside the package. Club secretaries should check club affiliation on the ARRL web site to ensure that their affiliation is current. In a "pooled" package, each club member using this service **must also be an ARRL member**. Cards should be sorted "en masse" by prefix and a proof of membership should be enclosed for each ARRL member. QSLs for unaffiliated club calls may also be sent via the outgoing bureau to foreign destinations if the trustee of the club call is a member in good standing. The trustee's proof of membership must be included with the club call-QSLs.

## PPRAA Apparel

Both **Silk Screen and Embroidered** (Shirts, T-Shirts, Hats, Badges, etc.), members pay for individual shirts. Embroidered - Club logo = \$7. Call sign and name ordered together = \$7, Call sign or name ordered separately = \$5 each. The number to call to order is: (719) 591-6151. Monograms by Jane.

**Silkscreened** - T-Shirts with a one color left chest logo only no name or call sign: Small thru Xlarge: \$8.75 ea. T-Shirts with one color logo on left and name with call sign on right side: Small thru Xlarge: \$9.60 ea. for XXlarge add \$2.00 per shirt. POC Dick Thompson, WØRAA 719-520-0288



## Events In Colorado

### 2013 HamCon Colorado

- June 28-30, 2013 at the Rocky Mountain Park Inn in Estes Park, Colorado.

### Megafest

**MEGAFEST.** Saturday July 27th, 2013. Hours are from 0800 to 1300 (Vendors at 0600) Ticket sales start at 0730.

Location is at Lewis-Palmer High School. 1300 Higby Road, Monument, CO

## Ø-BEAT JUNE 1983

National Sports Festival is this months. 200 hams are needed, 100 of them during the nine days of games in COS. There will be two planning meetings coming up: May 25 and June 8. The club will buy 3,000 business cards for members to carry and hand out. Les is preparing a membership roster for all club members. Since the club is not officially sponsoring Field Day, the money previously spent for it will be used for the Olympic Training Center station. The club turned down two short-notice public service events. The club will use the Festival's bulk mailing permit to mail out letters asking for volunteers to help with the NSF. The June meeting will be again at the Palmer House Motel at Fillmore and Chestnut. A sample of the commemorative QSL card for the NSF was printed

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## CONTESTS

### June 2013

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<a href="#">± 10-10 Int. Open Season PSK Contest</a>	0000Z, Jun 1 to 2400Z, Jun 2
<a href="#">± Wake-Up! QRP Sprint</a>	0600Z-0800Z, Jun 1
<a href="#">± Maritimes QSO Party</a>	1200Z-2400Z, Jun 1
<a href="#">± SEANET Contest</a>	1200Z, Jun 1 to 1200Z, Jun 2
<a href="#">± Alabama QSO Party</a>	1600Z, Jun 1 to 0400Z, Jun 2
<a href="#">± ARS Spartan Sprint</a>	0100Z-0300Z, Jun 4
<a href="#">± NCCC Sprint Ladder</a>	0230Z-0300Z, Jun 7
<a href="#">± VK Shires Contest</a>	0600Z, Jun 8 to 0600Z, Jun 9
<a href="#">± Asia-Pacific Sprint, SSB</a>	1100Z-1300Z, Jun 8
<a href="#">± SKCC Weekend Sprintathon</a>	1200Z, Jun 8 to 2400Z, Jun 9
<a href="#">± Portugal Day Contest</a>	1200Z, Jun 8 to 1159Z, Jun 9
<a href="#">± GACW WWSA CW DX Contest</a>	1500Z, Jun 8 to 1500Z, Jun 9
<a href="#">± REF DDFM 6m Contest</a>	1600Z, Jun 8 to 1600Z, Jun 9
<a href="#">± ARRL June VHF Contest</a>	1800Z, Jun 8 to 0259Z, Jun 10
<a href="#">± NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint</a>	0030Z-0230Z, Jun 12
<a href="#">± CWops Mini-CWT Test</a>	1300Z-1400Z, Jun 12 and 1900Z-2000Z, Jun 12 and 0300Z-0400Z, Jun 13

<a href="#">± RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW</a>	1900Z-2030Z, Jun 12
<a href="#">± NCCC Sprint Ladder</a>	0230Z-0300Z, Jun 14
<a href="#">± All Asian DX Contest, CW</a>	0000Z, Jun 15 to 2400Z, Jun 16
<a href="#">± AGCW VHF/UHF Contest</a>	1400Z-1700Z, Jun 15 (144) and 1700Z-1800Z, Jun 15 (432)
<a href="#">± West Virginia QSO Party</a>	1600Z, Jun 15 to 0200Z, Jun 16
<a href="#">± Kid's Day Contest</a>	1800Z-2359Z, Jun 15
<a href="#">± Feld Hell Sprint</a>	2000Z-2200Z, Jun 15
<a href="#">± SARL Youth Day Sprint</a>	0700Z-1100Z, Jun 16
<a href="#">± Run for the Bacon QRP Contest</a>	0100Z-0300Z, Jun 17
<a href="#">± NAQCC-EU Monthly Sprint</a>	1800Z-2000Z, Jun 17
<a href="#">± NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint</a>	0030Z-0230Z, Jun 20
<a href="#">± RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB</a>	1900Z-2030Z, Jun 20
<a href="#">± His Maj. King of Spain Contest, SSB</a>	1200Z, Jun 22 to 1200Z, Jun 23
<a href="#">± Ukrainian DX DIGI Contest</a>	1200Z, Jun 22 to 1200Z, Jun 23
<a href="#">± Marconi Memorial HF Contest</a>	1400Z, Jun 22 to 1400Z, Jun 23
<a href="#">± ARRL Field Day</a>	1800Z, Jun 22 to 2100Z, Jun 23
<a href="#">± SKCC Sprint</a>	0000Z-0200Z, Jun 26
<a href="#">± CWops Mini-CWT Test</a>	1300Z-1400Z, Jun 26 and 1900Z-2000Z, Jun 26 and
<a href="#">± Feld Hell Sprint</a>	0300Z-0400Z, Jun 27 0000Z-2359Z, Jun 29



## MARC VE EXAMS

(January, March, May, July, September, November)

The Mountain Amateur Radio Club (MARC) VE Team conducts VE exam sessions in Woodland Park every odd month at 10 am on the first Saturday in the Community Meeting Room of the Woodland Park Library, 218 East Midland Avenue. The MARC VE Team is affiliated with the ARRL/VEC and examinations for all classes of license will be offered.

Full information, including driving directions to the Woodland Park Library, is available under "VE Sessions" on the MARC website at <http://www.nx0g.org/ve.html> or contact Wes Wilson (KØHBZ) at [k0hbx@arrl.net](mailto:k0hbx@arrl.net) or call (719) 687-8758.

If attending, please BE SURE to bring the following items to the session:

1. A valid **PHOTO ID**, driver's license preferred (if you do not have a valid photo ID, please call for alternative identification requirements).
2. Your **SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER** (now required – this includes children) or **FRN** number.

3. Your **ORIGINAL** amateur radio license (if any) **AND** a **PHOTOCOPY** for the VE Team to keep.
4. The **ORIGINAL** of any relevant **CSCEs** you have **AND** a **PHOTOCOPY** for the VE Team to keep.
5. **Cash, Check or Money Order for \$15** (standard ARRL VE Fee). Checks and money orders should be made out to MARC and covers all the different exams you wish to take at the VE session.

MARC VE Team policy, as with many VE Teams, is to not allow same day retests on failed exams.

For already licensed hams, MARC members should be monitoring the MARC repeater system 146.820- or 448.650- (both 107.2 Hz) if you need help with talk-in.

73 Wes KØHBZ

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## **PPRAA VE EXAMS**

**(February, April, June, August October December)**

PPRAA VE session will be held at 9 am on the second Saturday of the even months at Colorado Technical University.

Directions to CTU are at the PPRAA website [ppraa.org](http://ppraa.org).

Applicants will need the following items at the session:

1. A **valid PHOTO ID**, driver's license preferred (if you do not have a valid photo ID, please call for alternative identification requirements).
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Galen Steele AGØA  
PPRAA VE Contact  
719-213-1109

Anyone passing their Technician Class examination at a PPRAA test session will receive a free year's membership to the Pikes Peak Radio Amateur Association.

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## *Ditz n Bitz* For Sale or Wanted

Do you have something to sell, trying to find something or just want to see something get to a good home? Send it in to [wv7t@arrl.net](mailto:wv7t@arrl.net) and see it in Dits and Bits.

Also, visit the PPRAA Forum's online Ditz and Bitz at [www.ppraa.forumotion.net](http://www.ppraa.forumotion.net) !!

**Membership Application**  
**Pikes Peak Radio Amateur Association, Inc.**  
**P.O. Box 16521, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80935**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ New Membership ☐ Renewal

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Call: \_\_\_\_\_ License Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you an ARRL member? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Additional Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL member? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Additional Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL member? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Additional Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL member? ☐ Yes ☐ No

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Full Member - \$15.00

☐ Full Member over 65 - \$10.00

☐ Free - VE Signature Required:

☐ Family Membership (same address) - \$18.00

☐ Family Membership (both over 65) - \$12.00

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